

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :  
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ORIENTED SINTERED CERAMIC PRODUCT  
AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 4 as follows:

4. (Amended) An oriented sintered ceramic product obtained by the manufacturing method as defined in claim 1.

Please add new claims 10 and 11 as follows:

--10. (New) An oriented sintered ceramic product obtained by the manufacturing method as defined in claim 2.

11. (New) An oriented sintered ceramic product obtained by the manufacturing method as defined in claim 3.--

### REMARKS

The foregoing amendments avoid the multiple dependency of original claim 4, as a result of which new claims 10 and 11 have been added to the application.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the change made to the claim by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

Respectfully submitted,

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4. (Amended) An oriented sintered ceramic product obtained by the manufacturing method as defined in [any one of claims] claim 1 [to 3].